

Date: November 28th, 2012

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To: Michigan Senate, Judiciary Committee

521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

RE: Rebuttal to Senate Bill 321 and Senate Bill 933

These bills would hinder insurance companies' ability to provide premier service to their clients. Eliminating insurance companies' free choice to provide service is based on the assumption the companies are currently obligated to provide this coverage. Insurance claims related to medical marijuana expenses may have the ability to provide alternative treatment to those in need and additionally provide cost savings to insurers. By prohibiting employer's insurers to furnish reasonable coverage, including the employees' medical marijuana treatment, is discriminating against their valid, legal right to proper medical care. This is also a detriment to patients who need and choose this care. A patient's request for compensation for medical marijuana treatments is equivalent to any other form of medical treatment, such as prescription pain medication and rehabilitation. We would formally like to oppose both Senate Bill 321 and Senate Bill 933 based on these statements. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in our State's democratic process.

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